(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या भारतीय सीमेंट निगम के कुल 11 कारखानों में से 6 को बंद कर दिया गया है और शेष 5 भी बंद होने के कगार पर हैं;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में पूर्ण ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय सीमेंट निगम के कुल लाभ-हानि का वर्षवार ब्यौरा क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखबीर सिंह बादल): (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। सीमेंट कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया को रुग्ण औद्योगिक कंपनी अधिनियम के प्रावधानों के तहत दिनांक 25.4.96 को बी॰आई॰एफआर॰ को संदर्भित कर दिया गया था और बी॰आई॰एफआर॰ ने पहले से ही सीमेंट कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया के लिए एक मसौदा पुनरुद्धार योजना तैयार कर ली है तथा इसे सभी संबंधितों को उनके विचार जानने हेतु दिनांक 12.6.98 को पारिचालित कर दिया है।

(ग) और (घ) जी नहीं। केवल तीन इकाइयों अर्थात मांढर अकलतरा और चरखी दादरी में इन इकाइयों के अजैव्य होने के कारण उत्पादन को निदेशक मंडल के अनुमोदन से बंद कर दिया है।

(ङ) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान उत्पादन, बिक्रियां तथा लाभ/हानि के ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गए हैं:-

वर्ष	उत्पादन (लाख मी॰ टन में)	बिक्रियां (करोड़ रुपये में)	लाभ(+)/ हानि (-) (करोड़ रुपये में)
1994.95	21.89	401.46	(-) 149.96
1995.96	19.56	434.54	(-) 115.04
1996.97	17.20	405.10	(-) 159.41
1997.98 (अनंतिम)	9.85	240.93	(-) 97.54
1998.99 (अप्रैल-अक्तुबर, 98 अनंतिम)	6.19	130.16	(-) 106.35

कागज आधारित लघु उद्योगों पर शुल्क लगाया जाना

51. **श्री शिबु सोरेन:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रद्दी कागज के आयात पर पांच प्रतिशत के मूल शुल्क के कारण कागज और गत्ता बनाने वाली देश की लगभग 170 लघु उद्योग और अत्यंत लघु उद्योग इकाइयां बुरी तरह प्रभावित हो रही है, और

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि पांच लाख टन की स्थापित क्षमता वाली 110 रद्दी कागज की मिलें बंद हो चुकी हैं

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) कागज के मिलों के बंद होने से संबंधित राज्य-वार तथा वर्ष-वार आंकड़े केन्द्रीय रुप से नहीं रखे जाते हैं। फिर भी, यह बताया जाता है कि रद्दी कागज को कच्चे माल के रुप में प्रयोग करने वाली लगभग 110 मिल विभिन्न कारणों के कारण बन्द पड़ी हैं।

Industrial development of North East

52. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of steps taken/ contemplated by Government to accelerate the pace of industrial development in the N.E. region in general and Assam in particular; and

(b) what has been/is the likely impact of each of these steps?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) To tackle the problem of industrial backwardness of NE region and attracting investment for setting up industrial units in the North East, a new industrial policy for the North Eastern Region was announced by the Government on December, 1997.

(b) With a view to promoting industrialisation, Nine Growth Centres are to be set up in the NE states including 3 for the state of Assam. Subsidy is provided under the transport subsidy scheme to reduce the extra transport cost and promote industrialisation of hilly, remote and inaccessible areas like North Eastern States. The Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) scheme for setting up infrastructural facilities in backward/rural areas of the country also includes North Eastern Region. Since inception of the Scheme till 31.3.98, transport subsidy amounting to Rs. 360 crore has been released to various States/ UTs out of which Rs. 229 crore have been released for the North-Eastern Region which constitute 63% of the total releases under the scheme. The financing pattern in respect of IID centres in the North East is in the ratio of 4:1 between Government of India Grant and

loan from SIDBI. Two IID centres, one each in Assam and Manipur have been sanctioned.

The Industrial Policy for the North Eastern Region provides Direct and Indirect tax incentives and other concessions to the new industrial units and to substantial expansion.

Closure of PSUs

53. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatives of all major Central Trade unions have urged the Prime Minister ot reverse Government's decision to close eight Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) which could be revived;

(b) whether the closure of PSUs would result in unemployment of a large number of employees;

(c) if so, whether Government have not taken any concrete steps to revive the sick PSUs in the last eight months; and

(d) the reasons therefor and reaction of Government on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL): (a) to (d) Government has taken a decision to offer benefits of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) to employees of unviable Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) of Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) which are facing the prospect of winding up. BIFR/ Disinvestment Commission, at one stage or the other, after examining possibilities for revival, expressed preliminary/final view regardign winding up of these units. Representations have been received after the said decision of giving VRS benefits was taken by the Government. The decision has been taken principally to mitigate the hardship of employees of such PSUs. In the eventuality of winding up, employees of the Company would be eligible only for compensation under the I.D. Act, whereas benefits under VRS are substantially higher. Government has been supporting revival of viable PSUs. Revival schemes of 9 BIFR referred PSUs under the Department of Heavy Industry have been approved by the Government involving fresh infusion of funds of Rs. 382 crores and financial restructuring of Rs. 1535 crores.

Globalization and Indian industry

54. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government favour that "Indian Industry must gear up for globalization", as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 26th October, 1998;

(b) if so, the details of discussion/meetings held with Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry this year and the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether Government have so far chalked out any plan to ensure that no corrupt, anti-national and criminal elements enter the country in the name of globalization, which may prove deterimental to the interests of India?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister while addressing the 71st Annual Session of FICCI announced certain important measures to revive the economy.

These include:

(i) Measures to revive capital market and boost investment such as permission to buy back shares and inter-corporate investments.

(ii) To permit an appropriate level of minority foreign equity in the insurance sector.

(iii) The decision to build 7000 km six-lane highways costing Rs. 28,000 crores.

(iv) To identify five cities for construction of world-class international airports with upto 100% foreign equity participation.

The Government is committed to creating a business culture and ethos where corruption and criminal elements do not find any place. This would be achieved through sustained interaction with business and trade associations and effective implementation of all legal provisions.

Loans provided under PMRY

55. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan provided in Banka, Bhagalpur and Godda Districts in Bihar under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojna since 1996;